

Docket No. ERICP0329USA

Serial No. 10/055,399

REMARKS

Following entry of the above amendment, claims 4-12, 14-21, 37-48, and 50-62 will be pending. Claims 35 and 49, which had previously been pending, have been canceled. Claims 40 and 41 have been re-written in independent form without change in scope, with some re-formatting of the claims. Claim 50 has also been re-written in independent form without change in scope. Claims 37-39 have been amended to avoid dependence on canceled claim 45.

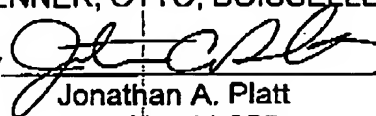
The indicated allowance of claims 4-12, 14-21, 42-48, 61, and 62, is noted with appreciation, as is the indication that claims 40, 41, and 50-60 constitute allowable subject matter. As noted above, claims 40, 41, and 50 have been re-written in independent form without change in scope, thereby putting claims 40, 41, and 50-54 into condition for allowance. Also, claims 37-39 have been amended to depend upon claim 41, thereby putting those claims into condition for allowance as well. It is believed that claims 55-60 were erroneously indicated in the action as objected to, as opposed to being allowed. Claim 55 is an independent claim, claims 55-60 were previously indicated as allowed.

With the amendments above all of the rejections have been rendered moot, and all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

Authorization is given to charge \$200.00 to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP329USA) for the presentation of an additional independent claim. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, authorization is given to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP329USA).

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